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REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN OF THE DRAFTING GROUP TO THE PLENARY

DRAFT DECISION

Environment and development

The Governing Council,

Recalling its decisions 88/57 of 1 July 1988, 89/28 of 30 June 1989, 90/20 of 22 June 1990 and 90/34 of 23 June 1990,

Having considered the report of the Administrator (DP/1992/14),

1. Notes the growing role of the United Nations Development Programme in the areas of environment and sustainable development, in accordance with its mandate and comparative advantage, and recognizes that the demand for national capacity-building and technical assistance in the areas of the environment is rapidly accelerating;

2. Requests the Administrator: to strengthen the United Nations Development Programme's support in these areas to governments of developing countries, particularly least developed countries, at their request, in full collaboration with the United Nations Environment Programme and other relevant

United Nations bodies, specialized agencies and international organizations; and in particular to asssist in building up, or, where necessary, strengthening national capacities to formulate and implement policies and programmes for sustainable development;

3. Requests the Administrator, in collaboration with relevant regional and subregional organizations, in particular regional commissions, to support developing countries in their efforts to enhance regional consultation and cooperation, consistent with the outcomes of the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development;

4. Urges the Administrator to provide technical assistance to developing countries in the process of identifying, acquiring and applying environmentally sound technologies and building stronger partnerships between the public and the private sectors with a view to facilitating technological cooperation and the transfer of technology;

5. Urges the Administrator to take measures to ensure that environmental concerns are taken into account in all the United Nations Development Programme programmes and projects to the maximum extent possible;

6. Requests the Administrator to provide technical assistance to developing countries, particularly least developed countries, at their request, in reviewing the environmental implications and costs of existing programmes and policies in cooperation with relevant United Nations bodies and taking into account the results of the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development;

7. Takes note of the Administrator's intention to review the United Nations Development Programme's internal capacity, especially of its field offices, to meet the growing demands of developing countries in the area of sustainable development, taking into account the findings of the 1991 report of the Joint Inspection Unit on this item (JIU/REP/91/2) and the agreed priorities of the United Nations Development Programme;

8. Requests the Administrator to submit to the Governing Council at its special session (1993) specific proposals that may emerge from the review referred to in paragraph 6 of the present decision, and from the recommendations of the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development, and the deliberations of the Global Environment Facility participants meeting;

9. Also requests the Administrator, in view of the priority accorded to the combat of desertification and drought in the preparatory process of the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development, to report to the Governing Council at its special session (1993) on proposals on specific ways and means to combat desertification and drought, including strengthening the coordinated operations and the effectiveness of the United Nations system to meet this objective taking into account the role identified for the United Nations Sudano-Sahelian Office by the Preparatory Committee of the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development;

10. Stresses the importance of active and coordinated participation by the United Nations Development Programme and all other relevant United Nations specialized agencies, organizations and programmes, including the Administrative Committee on Coordination, in the follow-up to the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development and the implementation of Agenda 21 and other decisions of the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development;

11. Endorses the Administrator's continuing efforts to mobilize resources to support the sustainable development of developing countries, particularly least developed countries, where appropriate, through the round-table process and other existing mechanisms;

12. Urges the United Nations Development Programme to implement fully, without prejudice to decisions of the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development on the issue of finance, its co-management responsibilities in the Global Environment Facility.